

Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council (DDAC) Meeting Minutes

Department of Economic Security
Division of Developmental Disabilities
2200 N. Central Phoenix, AZ 85004
September 13th, 2017
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Call to Order	Linda Mecham
Start Time	10:35 am
Facilitator	Linda Mecham
Note Taker	Taylor Pike
Attendees	<p>DDAC Members Present: Linda Mecham, Renaldo Fowler, Karen Van Epps, Rick Hargrove</p> <p>DDAC Members Absent: Carrie Raabe, Michael Williams</p> <p>Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) Staff: Maureen Casey, Elizabeth Barrett, Richard Kautz, Ileen Herberg, Taylor Pike</p> <p>Remote Participants: Jill Ryan, Gina Judy, Elizabeth Archuleta</p> <p>Members of Public in Attendance: Erica McFadden</p>
Agenda Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Welcome and Introductions -Approval of March 2017 Minutes -Sub Committees: (Nominations and CSTF) -Globe Public Forum Report -October Public Forum -Policy Update -By-Laws -Nursing Homes -“My25” -Voting Update -Membership review vacancies and recruitment -Member Reports -DDD Update -Call to the Public

Welcome and Introduction

Committee

Discussion	The Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council (DDAC) members introduced themselves in person and on the phone. DDD staff introduced themselves as Division of Developmental Disabilities staff members.
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Approval of May 2017 minutes

Linda Mecham

Discussion	<p>On page 2, section 2, and page 4, section 1, Renaldo Fowler's name is spelled incorrectly.</p> <p>Karen Van Epps made a motion to approve minutes with the above changes. Renaldo Fowler seconded. Motion carried.</p>
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Subcommittees: Nominations/CSTF

Linda Mecham

Discussion	<p>Linda asked if anyone would volunteer for two subcommittees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gina Judy, Karen Van Epps and Linda Mecham volunteered for Client Services Trust Fund.• Elizabeth Archuleta and Jill Ryan volunteered for the nominations committee. <p>If anyone is interested in running for Chairman or Vice-chairman let Celene Galaviz know.</p>
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Globe Public Forum Report/October Public Forum

Linda Mecham

Discussion	<p>Renaldo Fowler provided the Council with an update on how the Globe Public Forum went.</p> <p>The next Public Forum will be held in Tucson on October 18th, 2017 from 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM at 7750 E. Broadway Blvd. Tucson, AZ 85710.</p> <p>The H.E.R.O. Unit will look into establishing a location for the Phoenix Forum on October 26th from 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM.</p>
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Policy Update

Tim Ward

Discussion	<p>Tim Ward reviewed policy updates for the previous two months. Copies of the Policy updates were distributed to all in attendance.</p> <p>Tim Ward will work on providing the following information to the council: whether the policy changes are technical or specific, if it's an AHCCCS requirement, the language or content change and how high of an impact it is.</p>
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Bylaws

Linda Mecham

Discussion	<p>Linda Mecham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How can the council review policies in a timely manner before they go out for public comment. <p>Renaldo Fowler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who has skills and abilities that can review these policies in a timely manner, if given a directive from AHCCCS can't wait from DDAC. <p>Council decided this will be tabled for next meeting and if they have any suggestions to send them to Celene Galaviz.</p>
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Nursing Homes

Karen Van Epps

Discussion	<p>Karen Van Epps read policy regarding Skilled Nursing Facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nursing homes need to implement behavior plans if member is receiving psychotropic medication(s).• Emphasized members placed in nursing homes for ongoing living is not appropriate. <p>Maureen Casey stated out of the 38,000 members 53 are currently in Skilled Nursing Facilities. Between January and August the high being 58 and the low being 44.</p> <p>The following suggestions were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If aware of a case report it to the Support Coordinator and to the Customer Service Center so it can be investigated.• Quality indicators can be better identified and incorporated into data and metrics.
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"My25"

Gina Judy

Discussion	<p>Gina Judy shared information on My25.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• My25 is an example of strategic technology supported meal time.• Menus and grocery lists are developed for individuals with disabilities along with recipes written for the staff.• System includes a tracking method of the individual's medications, weight, and blood pressure.• Will track their medical status to see if they are if it improving or not.
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Voting Update

Renaldo Fowler

Discussion	<p>Renaldo Fowler shared with the council that National Voter Registration Day is on September 26th. At Ability360 two sessions are offered to talk about your rights as a voter with a disability as once under guardianship you cannot vote. He is working on a program where those with disabilities can practice on voting machines.</p>
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Membership Review Vacancies and Recruitment

Linda Mecham

Discussion	Linda Mecham is concerned about membership. Boards and Commissions are not renewing applications. Maureen stated she will get together with Richard Kautz and Celene Galaviz to address this and will contact Boards and Commissions to see the status of their applications.
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Member Reports

Council Members

Discussion	<p>Renaldo Fowler</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As ACDL is a protection and advocacy center their job is to go into institutions and make sure their civil rights are not being violated. October 1st of this year they are increasing their efforts, announced, unannounced going into group homes. They have AHCCCS authority and are following protocol. <p>Rick Hargrove</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providers were paying above minimum wage before propositions 206 and 4014. With facility based providers staffing is an issue which leads to an overtime issue. Rick moved his group home to the valley with the concern for finding staff with a minimum wage at \$15.50 and keeping his family together. <p>Jill Ryan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concerned about the lack of providers in rural areas and Maricopa County. Requested Maureen to give updates on recruiting new providers and contracts. <p>Liz Archuleta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flagstaff is lacking in therapy providers. School Districts are pulling therapists from those working with DDD contracted agencies. <p>Gina Judy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Went to AAPPD conference last week. Applauds the division for continuing the Direct Support Professional Event. <p>Karen Van Epps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need to change our mentality on Community and Public Private Partnerships and look into it as a possibility. At the Statewide Quality Management Committee (SQMC) meeting they discussed the effects of Support Coordination vacancies and turnover rates on quality of services for our members. Concerned about members being over the \$2,000 limit.
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	<p>Linda Mecham</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receiving applications through the Client Services Trust Fund (CSTF) for basic items that AHCCCS doesn't pay for. Richard Kautz confirmed the funds are down to \$23,000.
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DDD Update

Maureen Casey

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maureen gave updates on Coolidge. The Arizona Training Program – Coolidge (ATPC) ATPC staffing is up, now have 22 people. Environment has improved, repairs and updates are being made on the building and practices. 64 members in Intermediate Care Facilities, 20 in five state operated Group Homes. 62 is being the average age of the member. CMS issued a decree can't have a state operated ICF/IID can't have a state operated group home collocated. Integrated RFP, AHCCCS is issuing an Integrated Health Plan. Integrating how we support members' acute, long-term and behavioral health care services. Gave update on the Arizona Management System (AMS). 18 months in, five pilots occurring.
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Call to the Public

Linda Mecham

Conclusion	<p>Erica McFadden briefly spoke to the council about the \$700,000 of grant money the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC) has to obligate in the areas of employment, self-advocacy and community inclusion. They are coordinating DDD and Vocational Rehabilitation services to develop training program and connecting people with disabilities into the workforce. They are also working on a refugee project.</p>
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Adjournment

Linda Mecham

Conclusion	<p>Next meeting will be held on November 8th 2017 at 10:00 am at the Phoenix location. Meeting adjourned by Linda Mecham at 1:45 pm.</p>
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